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ARMED METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER INDICTED
Project Backfire Prosecution

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Bowling Green **returned an Indictment** charging **JASON TYRONE BERESFORD**, age 30, of 230 s. Ingram Street, Henderson, KY, with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The Indictment charges that on June 22, 2006, **Beresford** knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. **The street value of the drugs seized is \$500.00.** The Indictment further alleges that **Beresford** possessed a Taurus 9mm firearm in relation to his drug trafficking.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Kentucky State Police, Henderson County Sheriff's Department, Daviess County Sheriff's Department, and the Henderson Police Department.

Beresford is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on November 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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